

We have had another extremely busy term at SSSC, preparing for Swanwick's Got Talent, the Xmas Fayre and lots of exciting events that are detailed in the Newsletter.

TERM DATES:

We break up for the Christmas holidays on **Friday 22nd December 2023 @ 1.00pm** and return on **Monday 8th January 2024**

Spring 1 2024

We all return to school on **Monday 8th January 2024**

Spring Term 1 ends on **Friday 16th February 2024**

PREFECT NEWS

Eight prefects have been chosen to represent the school this academic year.

'We feel very proud to have been given this role. Our responsibilities this term have been to wear our new prefect hoodies and set a good example to the rest of the school. We have also been running break time clubs that have included indoor sports, film club and board games.'

Sarah

CHILDREN IN NEED:

Thanks to a successful non-uniform day and cake sale our school has raised £108.07 for Children in Need! Many thanks for your support.

AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP:

As part of their ongoing Theme project, KS3 pupils were involved in African Drumming workshops. They had the opportunity to handle different West African artefacts, learning about these items through discussion and first-hand experience. The pupils found out the



correct way of playing Djembe drums and how they can make a wide variety of sounds using different parts of their hand. They then implemented these techniques to create a piece of music and perform it as a group. It was a very noisy, exciting and interesting day!

"Al baraka" to Chris Sylla for visiting SSSC, we have loved it.

SSSC Safeguarding Message

Age ratings are in place to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. For example, did you know that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16? Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online, using social media or downloading other apps – check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI include further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence etc.

SHERWOOD SPACE OBSERVATORY:

As part of KS4 Nurture's Autumn Topic: Our World and Beyond, our young learners have enjoyed a wonderful range of educational experiences. We began with a joint visit to the Sherwood Space Observatory with Nurture 3 to explore planets and our solar system, making lunar models and learning how telescopes work. This learning experiences supported Nurture 4 to create their own class script for a TV news report about Apollo 11 moon landing. The pupils enjoyed directing



and participating in this class challenge that showcased their learning and promoted their bravery, teamwork and communication skills in a fun and entertaining way.

And finally.....

May we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

NURTURE CHRISTMAS BOX APPEAL:

For their Enterprise project our pupils organised the SSSC Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Nurture 3 and Nurture 4 discussed what an Enterprise was then split into teams. Each team completed a range of roles including researching shoe box content, advertising for donations, wrapping and filling the boxes. We made a total of 40 boxes. Thank you to all the kindness given by everyone to make this a success.



YORKSHIRE WILD LIFE PARK :

As part of the KS4 Nurture topic 'Frozen Kingdom', pupils have been focusing on polar animals and their adaptation to their environments. On 29th November, we visited The Yorkshire Wildlife Park for a Polar Project workshop.

The session allowed the pupils to learn about polar bears at YWP, adaptations, their Arctic habitat and threats that the animals face in the wild through a range of interactive activities. KS4 Nurture pupils then enjoyed the amazing opportunity of seeing polar bears, as well as a wide range of other amazing animals.

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